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THE
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OF
Prince *MIRABEL*'s

Infancy, Rise and Disgrace :

With the sudden Promotion of

NOVICIUS.

IN WHICH

Are Intermix'd all the INTRIGUES both
AMOROUS and POLITICAL relating
to those Memorable ADVENTURES: As
also the CHARACTERS of the Old and
New FAVOURITES of both SEXES in the
COURT of *BRITOMARTIA*.

PART III.

Collected from the MEMOIRS of a Courtier lately Deceas'd.

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BUT tho' *Novicius* was remov'd from the Imperial Presence, *Palatina* could by no means be persuaded to part with *Montiana*; her pretended Zeal for her Mistress's Honour; her outward shew of Devotion; and her specious Assurances of an Inviolable Fidelity, had so insinuated themselves into the Empress's Affections, that she seem'd almost the better half of her, and no more to be separated from her, than her own Being: Wherefore after the Chief Ministers had happily laid aside all other Obstacles, in the Persons of *Arcurio*, *Ansel-*

no, Henrico, &c. and had try'd in vain to do the same by that Female Favourite, they contented themselves with an Establishment, which in all Appearance was too strong to be shaken, but by a Power Superior to their own.

Their Interest was now thought to be so deeply grafted, and their Authority so firmly settled, that nothing but a Miracle could root it out, and unhinge it. As for *Montiana*, they look'd upon her as a Woman that had Wit and Address enough to keep herself in her own Employments, but not Abilities enough to work them out of theirs; therefore *Mirabel* took the Field as usual, while *Delphino*, with his Partizano's, busied himself in his accustom'd Cares of providing for the Tranquility of the Empire at Home, and the Success of its Armies Abroad.

To give the Particulars of this Campaign, and set it in its proper Light, to enumerate its Glorious Occurrences, or speak rightly of the surprising Advantages that arose from it; in a word, to do Justice to the Valour of the Generals, and the Intrepidity of the other Officers, and Soldiers, requires the same Ardor with which they Fought, and the same Spirit with which they Conquer'd. Who but *Cæsar* himself could give a just and adequate Description of *Cæsar's* Victories? O Goddess of Battels Inspire me!

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O Thou! to whose Province it is allotted to Record Military Atchievements, assist me! while I bring the Champion of *Britomartia*, through Fields of Blood, to the Purchase of new Laurels, and attend upon his Colleague *Eugenio*, the *Allemannian* Hero, thro' Slaughter and Desolation.

The time was come, when the *Lilliani-ans*, flush'd with the Success of Surprizing Two Open and Defenseless Towns, and the Princes of their Blood, should dare to make a shew of standing Prince *Mirabel* and his Illustrious Associate. They had, by means of an Indisposition, that retarded the Motions of the First of those Generals, and a long tiresome March, that hinder'd the last from joining him, form'd the Siege of *Oudenian*, which was no sooner known to the Confederates, but was so agreeable to them, that they all marched from the *Legato*, who was instantly recover'd at the very News of it, to the private Men, with all possible Diligence; reciprocally Encouraging one another to undergo the Difficulties of the way with certain Presages of Victory. So great was the Desire of the Soldiers for Action, that several, who were carried on Horses and Waggon before the Fight, dismounted when the Attack began, and tho' Weak and Ill, did very remarkable Service. The Enemy was very strongly Intrenched

on a Rising Ground with a River before them, and Woods, Defiles, and Impervious Passes behind : But neither Woods, Rivers, or Entrenchments, could any way Dispirit or Intimidate the Gallant *Mirabel* ; he gave Orders for the Troops immediately to Advance, and putting himself at the Head of a particular Legion, snatch'd the Standard out of one of his own Vexillans Arms, and carried it Undauntedly before them, that they might be induc'd, thro' the Apprehensions of losing it, to make after him, towards its Preservation. The Stratagem had its desired Effect, for tho' half the Army was not yet come up, and had not time to Form themselves into Order of Battle, the *Lillianians* gave way to the *Britomartian* Fury, and instead of making an Offensive War, which they had undertaken by this Siege, contented themselves with endeavouring to be upon the Defensive by a Precipitate Retreat. Here it was that young *Hanno*, *Palatina's* Presumptive Heir, Sated his Unfledg'd Sword with Multitudes of the Slain ; Here it was that *Mirabel's* Example warm'd him to the Exercise of that astonishing Valour, that made him worthy of the Scepter of the whole Universe : Here it was that Prince *Eugenio* found the Steadiness of his good Genius, and that tho' he chang'd the Scene of Action, it would

would still follow him to any Situation.

Mirabel having given Thanks to the Goddesses of Victory for the Flight of the *Lilianians*, who lost all their Baggage, and a prodigious Number of Men, propos'd the Siege of *Insulata*; the Conquest of which would be of the greatest Consequence: This was readily agreed to by the other Generals, and the Army invested the Town for that purpose. Now this was a Place of great Strength, and esteem'd by *Ludovico*, *Cailif*, or King of *Liliana*, as the brightest Jewel of his Crown: No less a Person than a Prince of the First Rank was assign'd for its Chief Governour, who had under him several Prefecto's of the most approv'd Characters; it was likewise extraordinarily well stor'd with Men, Money, Provisions and Ammunition, and had nothing wanting towards its Defence that Art or Nature could bestow upon it. But by how much greater was the Difficulty of obliging it to Surrender, so much more Intense was the Prince's Resolution to force it to that Compliance. He therefore left *Eugenio* to raise Batteries against it, while he took upon himself to Cover the Besiegers from any Attempts the Enemy might make, who had gather'd Strength, and were assembled together again, since their last Defeat, to-

wards its Relief. Various were the Stratagems made use of by Assailants and Defendants, and Innumerable the Contrivances of the Two Grand Armies, the one frequently Endeavouring to draw the other to a General Engagement, and the other watching Opportunities to fling Succours into the Town, to Supply the Places of the Kill'd and Wounded. Here, they work'd under-ground, like Moles, to demolish the Ramparts; there, they run Counter-Mines to do the same by the Batteries form'd against them: On this side Men were toss'd up into the Air from Explosions of unforeseen Cavities; on that, the Fall of Bulwarks and Fortifications made large Appertures and Breaches.

When the Disloyal *Bavaro*, to give the Besiegers a Diversion, came with a Numerous Body of Forces, and sat down before *Bruxelia*, the Capital City of all *Flandria*, and in which the Chief Governour of all the Adjacent Provinces had his usual Residence. The Town was of great Importance, tho' in a manner Defenseless, because it was an Inlet into a Rich and Open Country, and a Place of great Wealth and Traffick in itself; wherefore Prince *Mirabel*, who had Notice of its being Attack'd, flew immediately to its Assistance, and approach'd the *Bavaran's* Army soon enough, to make him

him quit his Enterprize, after he had been Three times Repulsed by the Besieged, who were but a handful of Men in Comparison of the Assailants. From hence he return'd to his Post off of *Insulata*, where *Eugenio* had made a considerable Progress in Reducing the City it self; but for want of Ammunition could not carry on his Approaches as vigorously as he would against the Citadel. This the *Britomartian* Prince foresaw, would tend to the Ruine of all their Schemes, did not he make sufficient Provision for the Security of their Convoys, which were in Danger of being Intercepted by the Enemy, who had possess'd all the Avenues between him, and the Place from whence he receiv'd his Supplies. He therefore order'd out a Detachment to dislodge them, or at least to secure the Passage of what was wanted in his Camp. This Undertaking was committed to the Care of *Webelio*, who had been Instructed to draw his Troops up into such and such a Form, in case he was outnumber'd by the Enemy, which happen'd according to the Prince's Apprehensions: For the *Lilianians*, in those Parts, consisted of Five Stout Legions, when the Brave *Webelio's* Little Army was scarce one. However, to pursue the Directions he had receiv'd, he drew his Men into Incomparable Order, and fell upon the Enemy, who advanced

vanc'd towards him from a large Plain, with such Success, that tho' they return'd to the Charge, Four or Five Times, they were still beat back with incredible Slaughter, insomuch that they left behind them many Officers of Distinction, as well as great Numbers of the Gregario's or Private Soldiers, that were Kill'd, Wounded, or taken Prisoners.

This Astonishing Success furnish'd the Besiegers with Plenty of all Sorts, and it not being in the Power of the Enemy to Obstruct the carrying on of the Works against the Citadel, they were brought to such a Perfection as to Threaten a General Storm; wherefore they gave it into the Hands of the Adverse Party upon Honourable Conditions, thereby consigning over to them the Revenues of a Principality, in the Surrender of a Town, which by its Manufactures, Opulence, and Situation, was able to contribute more to the New Masters of it, for carrying on the War, than half the Conquests they had acquir'd in the Preceeding Campaigns.

But tho' the Fatigues of a whole Summer, that had been spent in Action, and continual Application to War, might have reasonably call'd for a Recess from further Labours, yet Prince *Mirabel*, who had nothing more at Heart than to compel the *Lilianians* to accept of a speedy Peace, lengthen'd

lengthen'd out the Campaign into the Depth of Winter, wisely foreseeing that should the Enemy keep Possession of the Two Towns they had Surpriz'd at the Opening of it, it would be of mighty Consequence to them in strengthening them in his Winter-Quarters, and in laying the adjacent Parts open to their Incurfions. His Highness therefore order'd *Ganda*, which was one of them, to be Beleaguer'd, after having made the other submit to, and accept of a Garrison which he sent for that purpose. *Ganda* had, by order of his *Lilianian* Majesty, been supply'd with all things needful for its Defence, since it was made Tenable by the Accession of very strong Fortifications, and been provided with more than Twenty Thousand of his choicest Troops, under the Command of a General who was to regain a Reputation that was even almost lost by a former Miscarriage, and threaten'd with the highest Displeasure, should he not hold out to the last Extremity; But such was our Illustrious Hero's Constancy and Diligence; such his Unwearied Activity and Courage, that neither these, nor many other Obstacles, could Divert him from his Resolution; such the Felicity and Success that attended every Step he made towards the Attainment of New Advantages to the Publick, that he took it after Three Days lying before

fore it, tho' it might have held out as many Months, at a Time when the Frost and Snow, and Wind and Air, seem'd to conspire together to frustrate his Designs.

Thus ended a Campaign, the most Glorious, Active, and I may say Unparallel'd, if we consider it's length; the many Stratagems of War that were used in it; the Difficulties that were Surmounted, and the Wonderful Period it was brought to, that ever was read in History. Nor were either of the Two Houses of the *Senato*, then Sitting, neglectful of paying a just Deference to him, that was the Instrument of such great Successes. The *Proatins* impatient of deferring their Acknowledgements till Prince *Mirabel* return'd from Abroad, (tho' *Novicius* did all he could, by his Adherents, to Blast his Reputation with the Laurels *Webelio* had gather'd from *Windalia*, and to make that important Action greater than any of his) issued out a *Decreto* for Thanks to be transmitted him by their Oratorio, which was done with all imaginable Observance, and had an Answer suitable, to the *Legato's* great Modesty, return'd to it; but the *Mandarines* took the Opportunity of doing it when he took his Seat the first Time in their Illustrious and August Assembly, by the Mouth of *Cupernico*, after this manner :

Most

Most Glorious, and Most High
Prince,

I Have the Honour to be commanded again by this Assembly, to give your Bojarship their most Hearty and Unanimous Thanks, for the great and Eminent Services you have perform'd this last Campaign, particularly to Her Imperial Majesty and Her Empire, and in general to all her Allies.

When I last obey'd the like Commands, I could not but infer from your Bojarships former Successes, we had still more Reasonable Expectations that you could not fail to improve them.

I beg leave to Congratulate your Bojarship, that the Observation then made, has prov'd, as indeed it was intended, perfectly true. I hope I shall not be thought to exceed my present Commission, if being thus led to Contemplate the mighty Things your Princely Highness has done for us ; I cannot conclude without acknowledging, with all Gratitude, the Providence of the Supreme Deity, in raising you up to be an Instrument of so much Good, in so Critical a Juncture, when it was so much wanted.

To doubt an Answer from his Highness,
full of Gratitude, for the Honour that was
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here done him, would be the greatest Injustice that could be done him; Wherefore without being particular in the Substance of it, let it be known it was given with the profoundest Respect, and truly acceptable to the Persons it was directed to. What I am to apprize the Reader of, is, that the *Lilianian* Court had been induc'd not only to think of an Accommodation with the Empress of *Britomartia*, and the States in Confederacy with her, from their continu'd Successes; but by their own scarcity of Money and Corn, had actually made Overtures of Peace, a Copy of which was brought over by his Highness, to be laid before his Mistress and her Grand Council the *Senato*. But these being thought not sufficient to Ground a Treaty upon, tho' the Allies were willing to consent to such Terms as were Reasonable for the future Tranquility of the Universe; the *Mandarine Somerio*, who was then Prefecto of the *Concilio*, and suppos'd to know the Intentions of the Imperial Court, made a Motion to Obtest and beseech the Empress, that her Majesty would be pleas'd to take Care at the Conclusion of a War, that the *Lilianian* King might be oblig'd to own her Title, and the Right of Succession in the *Reformato* Line, in Defiance of a certain *Spuriato*; and also to remove that *Spuriato* out of his Dominions. It was like-

likewise propos'd in the House of *Proatins* by Seignior *Urbano*, who succeeded *Novius* as *Scrivan* to *Palatina*, in order to make the Conditions as Advantageous to the Trading Part of *Britomartia* as possible ;

‘ That the aforesaid Empire having been at
 ‘ a vast Expence of Blood and Treasure
 ‘ for the Prosecution of that necessary War,
 ‘ it was but just that they should reap some
 ‘ Benefit by the Peace. And the Town of
 ‘ *Dundiria* being a Nest of Banditti, that
 ‘ infested the Sea and Land, and did infinite
 ‘ Mischief to Trade ; it was but reasonable,
 ‘ that the Demolishing of the Fortifications
 ‘ and Harbour should be insisted upon in the ensuing Treaty of Peace.

Both these Proposals were instantly agreed to, and Prince *Mirabel* was Invested with full Powers, in Conjunction with the *Mandarine Hortensio*, to be Commissioners on the Part of *Britomartia*. To give you the Character of this last Deligate, is a Task that would exhaust Description itself. He was Young, Honest, and of a try'd Experience, infinitely Superiour to his Years. The first Qualifications did not Subject him to those *Juvenile* Inclinations which Men on the wrong side of Consideration, too frequently entertain : The Second had gifted him with a Disdain of any Sinister Practice, any Selfish, Corrupt or Vitious Design : He was a Man
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of Integrity himself, and of Sagacity enough to distinguish those of the same Temper from Men of Artificial Disguises, whose Words and Intentions were of quite contrary Complexions: The last entituled him to a Revenue that was justly pay'd him for the great Improvements he had made from a Liberal Education, an Unwearied Search into the Archives of most Courts of the Universe, a View of their Politicks and Customs, a Knowledge of their Languages and different Pretensions. In a word, he was Master of all Things necessary to make a great Man, and destitute of no one Virtue or Excellence that was requisite to the finishing of a Good One.

Two such Deputies, as *Mirabel* and he, reflected Honour back upon the Commission they were adorn'd with, and to hear the One excite every One's Admiration by the Calmness of his Arguments, as well as the Cogency; and to be present, when the Other, display'd the Sophistry of the Enemies Proposals, with a Vehemence of Persuasion peculiar to himself, was what Charm'd the *Lilianians* themselves into such a Respect for their Eloquence and Justice, that they almost comply'd with every Thing that was urg'd on their Part. But as the Monarch who sent them upon that Errand, was Fraudulent and Infidious, and
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only meant to Amuse those that were at War with him, and make them slacken their Preparations for an early Campaign ; so tho' the Preliminaries were Sign'd on all Sides, and even the Ambassadors of that Crown had engag'd, by their Hand-Writing, to Assent to Just and Honourable Terms, yet he sent Orders for those Ministers to leave the Place where the Negotiations were set on Foot, and break off further Conferences.

Hereupon the Confederated States, one and all, enter'd into Vigorous Resolutions of pursuing the War till the Common Enemy was brought to Reason ; and Prince *Mirabel* and *Hortensio*, having had their respective Thanks for their steady Behaviour in this Affair, and their inimitable Conduct ; the first would lose no time of shewing his Resentment for being trifled with by an Enemy whom he had so often put to the Rout, but set out immediately for the Army ; the last likewise went upon the Duties of his Office, as Nuntiato Extraordinary at the Court of *Belgiana*, and pursuant to his Credentials, took up his Residence there, to Cultivate a strict Friendship between Her Imperial Majesty and those Potentates whom she was enter'd into Engagements with for the Common Benefit of Mankind.

The Allies, in general, being much Exasperated that the hopes of Peace were thus eluded by the *Lillianians*, set themselves earnestly at Work to make them feel the Want of it; wherefore as soon as the Troops of each Nation had come to one General Encampment, and his Highness, the Prince, found it would be a Work of Difficulty to draw them out from behind their strong Lines, where they had Entrench'd themselves; he, in Concert with the *Sabundian Archon, Eugenio*, form'd a Resolution to Besiege *Nervia*, a Town of great Importance and incredible Strength: He wisely foresaw that the Enemy must either Face him and give him Battle to prevent its falling into his Hands, or more and more Despirit their Fugitive Army, by suffering it to be taken before their Faces. Add to this, that an Acquisition of such vast Consequence, would impower him to extend his Conquests much farther, and carry the War as it were into the very Bowels of the Enemies Country. It would secure *Infulata* from all Hostile Incursions, and enlarge the Sphere of Contributions. In a word, it would enable him to force the *Lillianians* to come to Terms in good earnest, and, unless it was their Design to hazard all they were possess'd of, to accept of
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the Conditions which had been offer'd them.

In the mean time *Montiana* was not Idle, she knew that the Empress parted with *Novicius* with great Reluctance; she knew that favourable Opportunities were always to be laid hold of, and therefore when *Palatina* was Unbosoming herself of her Secrets to her, with her usual freedom, and was lamenting the great Havock the War made of her most faithful Subjects, the heavy Taxes they groan'd under on Account of it, and the deplorable Circumstances they were yet to be involv'd in from its longer Continuance : *Ah ! Madam*, said the Traitoress, *Mirabel has none of these Thoughts, and is at this Time Rioting in Blood and Slaughter, Projecting New Schemes for the Destruction of your Majesty's Forces against Stone Walls, and Meditating upon New Pensions and Palaces, while the Faithful and Loyal Novicius, that has serv'd you without Fee or Reward ; has labour'd by Day, and been wakeful by Night for the Preservation of your Imperial Grandure ; has been incessant in his Endeavours to restore Peace to your poor undone People, is never to be admitted into your Presence again. At this the Empress, thro' the Impulse of a generous Credulity, which she was but too apt to give way to, sigh'd, without any manner*

of Reply, as if she was sensible of the Truth of what had been told her, which made the Crocodile, who had Tears at Command, and seem'd to Weep out of meer Respect for her Mistress, go on with her Discourse after this manner : *But what is this Gentleman fallen under your Displeasure for ? Only for endeavouring to free his Sovereign from the Bondage she was, and still is, in, through the Haughtiness of her own Servants. He had nothing more in View than to purchase Palatina's Enlargement from being Imprison'd in her own Court, by Mirabel's Dismission from it, and had no other Inducement to Attempt the Removal of Delphino and his Accomplices, than the Empress's Safety. Consider, Madam, that the Britomartian Laws Condemn no Person that is unheard ; that Novicius has not been admitted to have the Honour of Clearing himself ; that a Monarch so Tender and so Good as your Majesty, cannot but have Compassion for a Gentleman whose only Crime (if that can be called one) is Excess of Zeal for your Service. Think, Ah ! Think of his unwearied Zeal in the Duties of his Office, and keep in Memory what Diligence he has ever us'd in the Performance of them. Had he sought Honour or Preferments for himself ; had he Aggrandiz'd his Family by the Chief Posts of the Empire ; had he Intercepted the Beams of Majesty from Shining*

on any other than his own Creatures, or exhausted your Treasures by more than Imperial Edifices, then had he been worthily Expell'd from Court, and deservedly Banished even from the Conversation of Men; but he has acted the Reverse of it. Whom has he Introduc'd into your Presence, but Men of Probity and Understanding, Men of Piety and Experience? Whom has he provided for but such as had the greatest Deference for the Supreme Authority, such as manag'd your Imperial Affairs for the Publick Advantage, and the Honour of the Crown, without any Retrospect to themselves or their own Emolument? She would have went on in her Harangue, but *Palatina* bid her desist, and told her she had said enough; that for her Part she believ'd *Novicius* was the Man she Represented him to be, but that should he be admitted into her Presence, there were curious Eyes in every Corner, which she dreaded the Consequence of. However, upon *Montiana's* Engagement of Introducing him unobserv'd, she gave Consent to receive him in her Closet, at the Dead of the Night.

The time appointed came, and *Novicius* being introduc'd up the Back-Stairs, flung himself at the Empress's Feet, in a Posture that at once bespoke her Pity and Attention. I come, said the Dissembler, May it please

your Majesty, to offer up my Life and Fortunes to your Majesty's Displeasure, since neither of them can be of any use to me, while I am sinking under the Weight of it. The Loss of both will be grateful to the Happy Mirabel; and would be purchas'd at any Rate, by the Fortunate Delphino, who might then have it in their Power to Enslave their Sovereign, and as it were, put Fetters of Gold upon the Imperial Authority. Not but would your Majesty permit, I could yet make use of both in rescuing you out of their Hands, and delivering you from the Violence of your Oppressors, that Dictate when they should receive Commands, and Controul your Opinion when they should shew ready Obedience: Then, and not till then, can you reassume the Reins of Government; then, and not till then, be properly said to Sit on the Throne of your Illustrious Predecessors; then to Sway the Scepter of the Britomartian Empire, and Merit that of the whole Universe. But why do I take upon me to Insinuate any thing to your Majesty that am a Creature not worthy of your Notice; that am banish'd from your Court, and remov'd from your Presence? What remains for me to Employ my self in, if it is possible I can survive my present Misfortunes, is, to Pray for your Majesty's Health and Prosperity; to be incessant with the Powers above for the Preservation of your Sacred Person,

Person, and to Implore that Divine Being who has the Government of this Lower World in his Disposal, so to order and bring about Affairs, that if you will not be restor'd to the full Exercise of your Imperial Dignity by Novicius, you may not be Depos'd from it by Mirabel and Delphino.

The Empress was Stung with Reflexions on the last Expressions, and rising from her Chair, took him up with Promises of taking his Counsel, as it should be privately imparted to her ; but injoin'd him to absent himself still from Court, only at such Times as she should give Directions for, lest the Business should take Air, and he be lost beyond hopes of compleating his Designs. These Gracious Assurances gave the *Trickster* new Life, and he was scarce dress'd the next Morning, but he and *Arcurio* and *Montiana* met at *Henrico's* House, where it was concluded amongst them to hire certain Incendiaries amongst the *Sacristo's* of the *Montalti*, to give out from their several *Rostro's* ; That Princes held their Power only from Heaven ; that they were Uncontroulable in their Will and Pleasure, might do what they would with their Subjects Lives and Estates ; had an Undefeasible Right, and should have Obedience pay'd to them in all Things, without Re-

serve or Limitation. This, cry'd *Nopicius*, will do our Work; for those who laid aside *Draco* for Propogating these Doctrines, will certainly accuse the Priests of High Crimes and Misdemeanours that shall dare spread them again; And then there will be such work, as I'll engage, my Friends, shall bring our Consultations to bear. For, you know the Empire is full of Devotionalists, and if we can but get them to Imprison One or Two of their *Sacristo's*, and after that exclaim against the Authors of their Imprisonment, for being Rigorous against Men that only have done the Duties of their Holy Function, we are made for ever: but leave this to me, against the next Session of *Proatins*, I have a Man in my Eye that has Courage enough to say whatsoever I shall direct him.

To return to *Mirabel*; he was performing Wonders in the Field, while these Ingrates were studying Treachery in the Cabinet, and thought of nothing less than such a Retaliation for the Hazards he was undergoing. He was busied in Storms, and Exercis'd in Preparations for a general Assault, which neither the Sallies from the Enemy, the Springing of Mines, nor all the Arts of a Defensive War could hinder. Wherefore the Town of *Nervia* surrender'd upon Honourable Articles, as sometime
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after did the Castle (that was thought Impregnable, not only by Reason of its Situation, but the Works which it had been strengthen'd by) upon Discretion, after a very obstinate Defence; wherein the Governour shew'd his Skill in Military Accomplishments.

But as a Fortrefs of such Prodigious Strength, and so Terrible by the Besieged, could not be taken without great Effusion of Blood, so his Enemies at Home improv'd this very Conquest to his Disadvantage, and made use of his very Successes for so many Arguments of his Want of Conduct. *Montiana* deafned the Empress's Ears with the Cries of her dying Subjects, whose Brains were knock'd out against Stone Walls, to perpetuate the Honour and Dignity of her Aspiring General; *Henrico* dish'd out Invectives in Print, to perswade the People that the *Britomartian* Empire contributed their Blood and Treasure towards taking Towns for other People to be possess'd of them, who might one Day turn their Revenues against those that had been at such vast Expence, for their Sake; and *Arcurio* laid it down for a Maxim in Law, and with a tolerable Emphasis, That it was against all Right and Equity for any Subject to be lavish of the Lives of his Fellow Creatures. Nor was *Novicius* backward in com-

compassing Sea and Land, in order to gain over Profelites to his Interest, which he had Artifice and Dissimulation enough to make large Increases to every Day. These were the Returns pay'd the Prince by his own Country-Men, while Aliens and Strangers were struck with Admiration at his Wonderful Atchievements ! This was the Gratitude of such as could not bear with any Merit Superior to their own, or Applaud any Enterprize which they had no Hand in, tho' it rais'd the Reputation of the Land of their Nativity !

However, *Mirabel* stood by his Resolutions of finishing the War as soon as possible, and Decamp'd with Intention to make himself Master of the Strong Fortres of *Monesia*, or come to a Decisive Action with the Enemy, if they endeavour'd to prevent the Siege of it. The *Lilianians* had drain'd all their Garrisons, and Headed by their Two Chief *Legato's*, had stop'd up the Avenues to it, by Double and Treble Intrenchments. Their Army was much more Numerous ; their Troops less Fatigu'd, and they had all that Art and Nature could do to perswade them to sustain an Attack. Their King had sent every one of them Promises of Preferment, upon Discharging their Duty like Valiant Officers and Soldiers, and their Generals had animated them

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Rank by Rank, to such a Degree, that they seem'd ascertain'd of Victory. Their Camp was as Impervious as a Regular Fortification, and they seem'd rather, by their Countenance and Disposition, to expect a formal Siege, than an Assault: But *Santo Georgio* was the *Britomartian* Word, and the Prince advanc'd, and made appear that nothing is impossible to Men that had such a Leader, and were resolv'd either to Conquer or Die. The Troops he expected to join him, in the room of those who Garrison'd *Nervia*, were not yet come up, and several other Accidents concur'd to make the Attempt Hazardous. However, in Confidence of the Bravery and Goodness of his Soldiers, he put himself at the Head of the Front Line, and said:

Gentlemen and Fellow-Soldiers,

THIS is the Day that we have so long sought for; these are the Troops that we have so ardently been in quest of; and this the Camp you shall speedily have the Spoils of. We have nothing to do for this end, but to call to mind the Trophies of *Blenia*, and set before our Eyes what we have before done in the Battles of *Schelbergia*, *Ramlia*, and *Oudenia*. Let us dwell upon the Memory of past Actions, and think what is still owing to Posterity.

Posterity. How we are to Transmit the Liberties of Allemannia and Britomartia undiminish'd and entire to them ; how we are to Establish the Belgianian States in the Freedom they have purchas'd with their Blood, and how we are to Rescue the Iberian Nation from Fraud and Violence, from Tyranny and Oppression : Words would fail me to recount the Consequences of what is to be expected from this Days Service, a failure in which must blast all our former Laurels, and remove out of Humane Remembrance our late Glorious Undertakings. Come, therefore, my Fellow Soldiers, press forward with me to the Cause of Honour, and all that is Praise-worthy. I desire no Task of you but what I shall readily do, and invite to Attempt no Difficulty which I shall not be a Sharer with you in, my Self.

He spoke, and having drawn his Sword, and order'd the Trumpets to Sound the Charge, he led his Men to the Attack, who follow'd him with all possible Vigour and Alacrity.

Noise and Confusion soon ensu'd, and the Cries and Groans of the Dying on both Sides, made *Bellona* look Ghastly and Terribly : Thrice did *Mirabel* thro' Thousands and Thousands of Deaths bring his Troops up to the Head of the Enemies Intrenchments ;

ments ; Thrice was he Repuls'd with great Loss, when coming the Fourth Time to the Onset, with loud Clamours of *Santo Georgio, Santo Georgio*, the *Lilianians* could no longer stand the Fury of the Charge ; but suffer'd the Assailants to break through them, and, when over the Barricadoes, to form themselves into a Regular Body. As slaughter had Glutted itself some Hours before, so it continu'd to Gorge itself with Human Blood, and the *Lilianians*, in their Turn, came to drive the *Federato's* from the Posts they had lodg'd themselves in. When their Prime *Legato* was Wounded and carry'd out of the Field, which discourag'd them so, that without Rallying any more, they left a Compleat Victory to the Prince and his Army, who pursu'd them, and took and kill'd abundance of Officers and Soldiers in their Flight : They likewise made themselves Masters of many Standards and Colours, with other Appurtenances belonging to a Routed Army.

When this Battle was over, which lasted Six Hours and a half, the *Federato's* Generals were amaz'd at what Difficulties they had Surmounted, at Sight of the Advantageous Posts from which they had driven the Enemy ; for indeed all the Officers and Soldiers of the Adverse Part, had shewn in this Obstinate Engagement, as great Resolution,

lution, Intrepidity and Firmness, as ever were even known in these latter Times, or stand Recorded in Antient Story, and either Spirited by their Intrenchments, or Animated by the Shame of their former Defeats, defended themselves with unexpected Bravery from half an Hour past Eight in the Morning, till half an Hour past Two in the Afternoon. It is true, indeed, they were forc'd to give way to the Superior Courage and Good Fortune of the Allies, whose Generals were, during the whole Fight, continually at the Head of the Troops in the Heat of the Action. Upon the whole matter, those who pretended to Judge impartially of the Battel, were of Opinion, That all Things consider'd, the *Federato's* gain'd a very Remarkable and Glorious Victory ; but paid so dear for it, that some who were of *Novicius's* Party said, Two such Victories more would have undone them ; and on the other Hand there were not wanting those that affirm'd, That tho' the *Lilianians* were beaten from their fortify'd Camp, and lost the Field of Battle, yet they *Retriev'd* their former Reputation ; but then their not attempting afterwards to Relieve *Monefia*, as it expos'd their Impotence, so did it make appear, that their Loss was much greater than they gave out.

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This Action at *Blarenia* being over, the Victorious Army was order'd to Encamp a little beyond the Battle, which was cover'd with the Bodies of Men Dead, Dying and Wounded, and which gave signal Opportunities to Prince *Mirabel* of giving fresh Instances of his Generosity and Humanity. He rode over the Plain, where the poor Creatures on both Sides lay extended, visited the Intrenchments, which were full of such as without help must have immediately Perish'd, and gave Orders that Care should be taken both of Friends and Enemies; but above all, he distinguish'd himself in the Preservation of a certain *Lilianian* Tribuno, whom he had formerly known during his Residence at that Court, and seen to perform Wonders in the Battle: The Unfortunate Gentleman was lying amongst the Slain, with a large Diamond that hung at the bottom of a Ribband about his Neck, that betoken'd him to be of the Order of *Santo Lovisio*, and a Centinel was just going to dispatch him for the sake of the Plunder: With that the Prince call'd out to the Fellow, and commanded him to forbear, and he would Ransom the Officer's Body at the Price of whatsoever should be found about him. Accordingly, by a nearer View of him, he Jump'd from his Horse, and bound up his Wounds

Wounds with his own Scarf, as he was almost ready to Expire. By this means the Tribuno's Life was sav'd, and he, after he was cured by the Prince's own Surgeon, at his proper Charge, dismiss'd to his Post in the Enemies Army; the Soldier had likewise Five Hundred Chequins of Gold given him in Lieu of the Ribban of the Order; which may serve as an Answer to all those Scandalous Reports, that took Air amongst the Factious of those Times, concerning *Mirabel's* Avarice and Parsimony.

The Siege of *Monesia* having been carried on with the same Success as the Battle had been fought, and the Town Surrender'd to his Highness, it was thought fit to incommode the Troops no longer, but to dispose of them, which was done, into Winter Quarters: Accordingly the Army took several Routs, and the Prince having refus'd to give Ear to great Offers from *Liliana*, to promote a General Peace with *Britomartia*, took Shipping for that Country, little thinking that a Campaign which had been so fruitful of Glorious Events, and had gone beyond whatever he made before should make his Courage to be call'd in Question, or his Conduct Disapprov'd. But such was the Malice of his Enemies, that they Suck'd Poison out of his very Laurels, and turn'd what should have won their
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their Reverence and Esteem, into the basest Use that it could have been put to.

It is the Part of an Historian, here to observe that one Prince *Bellcampo*, a *Mandarine* whose Youth had too much got the Ascendant over his Reason, and whose Ambition was the most predominant Passion he was sway'd by, left the Army soon after the Battle before-mention'd, and came over to *Britomartia* with all the Marks of Dissatisfaction imaginable: He complain'd that he had been purposely expos'd by *Mirabel's* Orders to all the Heat of the Action; that the most Difficult Posts had been assign'd him, for no other end than that he might go upon Attacks which were next to Impossibilities of being carried, and perish in the Attempt; that the Lives of the whole Soldiery were made light of, and flung away upon every Trifling Occasion, with many other Querimonious Reflexions that highly Reflected upon the Prime *Legato*. This Prince was a Man of Excellent Endowments, and of great Authority in that Part of the Empire where his Estate lay, so that it was of great Consequence to the Conspiracy then forming against the Illustrious *Mirabel* and his Friends, to draw him over to its Interest. The Faction had long before given out Remonstrances of the same Tendency, and hug'd themselves to think

of the mighty Weight that a Person of *Bellcampo's* Power and High Birth would give to what was in Agitation. *Novicins* therefore did not fail to attend upon him every Day, to Caress him for his Discoveries, and Insinuated himself into his Esteem by repeated Suggestions of the same Nature as his own: He told him, that his Ancestors had better Notions of Liberty, than to submit tamely to the Tyranny of Two or Three Great Ministers; and that he acted worthy of the Blood he was Descended from, by Treading in their Steps. He furthermore left him with many Assurances of the strictest Regard for his Service, in joining Resentments with his, and employing his Solicitations with those of his Friends, for a Satisfaction suitable to the Largeness of the Indignity he receiv'd from *Mirabel*, by the Means of his Creatures amongst the *Proatins*.

The Thoughts of Revenge are known to have a great Influence upon Inflam'd Spirits, and this young Prince's Blood was too Warm not to Fire him with Indignation at the suppos'd Affronts he had receiv'd. He Meditated nothing but getting into the Chief Command of the Army himself after *Mirabel's* Removal from his Post, and fancied himself, that very Instant, in Possession of the Military Battoon, so that he very readily resign'd himself up to any Measures
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that were to be taken by way of Opposition to those which had been Concerted by that Prince and his Friends, for the Honour of the Empress, and the Glory of their Country. Thus was he Unhappily drawn in to Side with a Party which he was not so much as Intrusted with the Secrets of, (for he was to know nothing of the *Sacristo's* Design, and the Measures which had been taken by those who call'd themselves his Associates, to make that *insignificant Tool* Belch out Sedition to Inflame the People) and thus was he inveigled into a Compliance with Schemes which he afterwards shew'd his Abhorrence of, by a Vote against that very Incendiary who was to bring them to bear.

'Twas high time likewise that *Tolbozio* should come upon the Stage of Action, and recall'd from Abroad, administer more readily to *Novicius's* Projects, that were now grown Ripe for Execution. He therefore with his *Lavinian* Lady came to Court, and was very graciously receiv'd, much about the same time as *Mirabel* came to his Apartments there, after the Glorious Fatigues of a very hazardous Campaign. But as the last of these Princes is the Principal Person concern'd in this History, so the Writer of it holds himself oblig'd to be more particular in the Circumstances of his Reception.

ception. He had no sooner taken his Seat as usual amongst the *Mandarines*, but the *Sigillario* was again order'd to Complement him, and spoke to this Effect :

THAT he was Commanded by the *Mandarines* to give his Highness the Thanks of their Assembly for his continued Services to Her Imperial Majesty and the Publick, during the last Campaign. Of which nothing could be greater said than what her Majesty (who always spoke with the utmost Certainty and Exactness) had declar'd from the Throne, that it had been at least as Glorious as any that preceeded it. But that this Repetition of the Thanks of that August House, had this Advantage of the former, that it must be look'd upon as added to, and standing on the Foundations already laid in the Publick Records, for the preserving his Memory fresh to all future Times, so that his Highness had also the Satisfaction of seeing the everlasting Monument of his Glory rise every Year much higher. To this he join'd his Wishes, That Providence might continue in a Wonderful Manner to preserve so invaluable a Life, that he might not only add to that Structure, but Finish all with the Beauties and Ornaments of an Honourable and Lasting Peace.

This *Mirabel* thought fit to make Answer to in these Words:

Most Illustrious *Mandarines*,

I Look upon it as the greatest Mark of Honour I could receive, that your *Mandarines* ships are pleas'd to take Notice of my Endeavours to serve the *Empress* and my Country. I beg leave to do Justice to all the Officers and Soldiers, who have served with me: It is not possible for Men to shew more Zeal for Her Majesty's Service, or greater Bravery than they have done.

The *Proatins* did him the same Honours, and were answer'd much to the same purpose. But I should have told you before I brought my Hero to *Britomartia*, that the *Lilianian* King, to make a shew of his Desires of Peace, to his Poor undone Subjects, had propos'd once more, by a Letter from one of his Ministers, to enter upon a Treaty on certain specious Proposals, much to the Advantage of the Common Cause, and having in vain attempted the Fidelity of the Prince by large Promises, in order to Consent to certain Conditions, seem'd then to set himself in good earnest to the bringing about this desireable Work. Of this Notice was given by *Mirabel* to his Mi-

stress, the Empress, who gave leave to enter upon any Negotiations that might facilitate an Honourable and Lasting Peace. Whereupon Passports were sent to the *Lilianian* Court for what Nantiato's they would give Directions to, upon that Affair. Accordingly Two Ministers came from thence with Publick Characters to *Belgiania*, whose Arrival there, was no sooner known to the *Britomartian Senato*, but they instantly made Application to the Throne, that his Highness should immediately be dispatch'd thither likewise to take care of Her Imperial Majesty's Interests and those of her Empire.

I should also have inserted in its due Place, That after several Consultations between *Novicius* and his Friends, that Crafty Politico thought fit to play the *Sacristo* at that Juncture upon the Ministry then in being. And what did that Hot-brain'd Incendiary do, but, according to his Instructions, on a Day set apart to Commemorate the Deliverance of the Empire from an intended Insurrection, endeavour to Inflame it, with the wildest Notions that ever were heard of. He got up into the Pulpit, and there did he Thunder out his *Anathema's* in such a manner, against the Practices of those who were at that Time in High Places of Trust, as to call for the Notice of all
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that heard him. He told the Magistrates of the Metropolis, that they perverted Justice, and did things much unworthy of their High Stations ; he inveigh'd against the Court for sinister Designs in View ; and exhorted the Populace, from false Positions of the Temple's being in Danger, to take up Arms and Dethrone those that held the Reins of Government immediately under the Empress. In short, he cast most bitter Reflections upon the Revolution, that was brought to pass under the Emperor *Aurantio*, and cry'd up *Palatina's* Hereditary Right, when had it not been for that Revolution, she would never have Reign'd over *Britomartia* : He made Invectives against his Superiors for Tyranny and Oppression, when but for their setting aside *Draco* for the Exercise of these Two Vices, the whole Constitution had been totally Unhing'd and Subverted. To this he added his Apprehensions and Concern for the Empress herself, upon whose Preservation the Welfare of her People solely depended, and did it with such a Pathetick Vehemence of Expression, as gain'd Credit from most that heard him. He told his Audience that the poor *Palatina* was little better than a Slave to her own Servants ; that she was the most Just, Good and Gracious of all Sovereigns, and they the most Vile, Ar-

bitrary, and Wicked of all Subjects ; and not content with Haranguing his Audience out of their Senses after this Fashion, he dealt about the Poison, by dispersing Copies of these bitter Invectives through every Province of the Empire, that the Subjects might be awaken'd at their *Prince's* and their *Temples* Supposititious Danger.

Novicius foresaw, from the Temper of the *Senato*, that they would not tamely bare with these Indignities put upon the Administration, and therefore, by his Agents, push'd them forwards upon Extreame, to shew their Resentment. He knew that amongst the *Proatins* were some Sycophants, who to make their Court to Persons in High Stations, would Exaggerate this Offence to the greatest Degree, and therefore work'd themselves to Complaints and Invectives against *Aerifacio's* Proceedings (for that was the Name of the Mad *Sacristo*) and unprecedented Accusations. There was One *Eborocano*, Son to a Patriarcho of that Name, sitting in the House, who to patch up a Decay'd Fortune, and obtain a Pension from the Ministry for his better Substantance, was always ready to shew excess of Zeal for their Honour and Service, and this was the Man whom he pitch'd upon to Arraign the Discourse above-mention'd, and who did it with such an Air, for he was possess'd

possess'd of Parts and Eloquence enough, tho' he had not Judgment enough to know that he was made a Tool of, as to obtain a *Decreto*, not only for the Author's Commitment, but his Tryal for High Crimes and Misdemeanours, not as a Common Offender in the Ordinary Courts of Justice, but in the most Publick manner that a Delinquent of the highest Nature could be expos'd by.

Those that seemingly forwarded this Tryal, were not Ignorant of the Commiseration which the common sort of People generally have for Men under Distress, especially such as wear the Sacred Habit, which entitles them to a more than Ordinary Reverence and Respect. They could not but be appriz'd of the Sentiments of the Subjects, when One whose Office it was to Preach up Duty and Submission to the Sovereign, should be call'd in Question, and Imprison'd for so doing, rightly judging that they would immediately call his Cause the Cause of Religion and Injur'd Majesty, and Subscribe to any Remonstrance in such a Man's Favour. Therefore they mix'd themselves (by *Novicius's* Orders) with the *Proletarian* Rabble, buzz'd intended Persecutions in their Ears, and intimated to them that this was but the Prelude to the Imprisonment of the Empress herself, since
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those that had the Insolence openly to Summon an Expounder of Religious Institutes before them, merely (as they took care to give out) for dehorting People from the Practice of Resistance to Princes, would of necessity put that Resistance in force upon any proper Occasion, contrary to their Faith and Allegiance, and in breach of the known Laws of their Country.

The Effect fully came up to the Design, for the Populace gather'd together Tumultuously in his Behalf, and attended upon him to and from the Prætorian Hall, during the Time of his Tryal, not as a Criminal, but as one that Merited a Triumph; and *Ærifacio*, who was naturally of a Superb and Vain Temper, had the Satisfaction to see himself the Idol of the Mob, while he became the Contempt and Scorn of more Generous Minds. This Intemperance of the Multitude swell'd itself almost into an Assault upon his Judges, whom they would not suffer to go to the Judgment-Seat without dire Imprecations, and even the Empress *Palatina* herself, who was prevail'd with by *Montiana* to be present at the Pleadings on both Sides, on purpose to Exasperate her against those Proceedings, had her Name prophan'd by them, with Entreaties to stand by the Temple and the *Sacristo*. Yet notwithstanding all these Clamours

Clamours and Insurrections, in spite of Noise and Nonsense, and all the Senseless Operations of an enrag'd Rabble, this Hot-brain'd Priest was found Guilty of every Article of the Charge brought against him, and tho' the Sentence fell short of the Offence, by the means of *Belcampo*, who tho' he Voted against the Doctrine, was for sparing the Man, had the Mortification to see his false Doctrines Condemn'd and Exploded, after he had Presumptuously call'd the Divine Power to witness his Innocence, and conjur'd the Gods of *Britomartia*, to the Horror of all good Men, to attest the greatest and most apparent Untruths.

Not but this Tryal made a very great Impression (as had been foreseen by *Mirabel*, who would have prevented it before his Departure) upon the Generality of the People, and even *Palatina*, tho' she thought fit to tell the *Senato* at their rising, that it had taken up a great and necessary Part of their Time, and prefer'd one of the most Violent *Causidico's* against the *Sacristo*, to the Office of Chief Syndike, had her Temper ruffled by some Expressions, wherein too great a Liberty was taken in speaking of Crown'd Heads. What added to her Dislike, was the Sight of Importunities from all Parts, for her to Issue out Mandates

dates for the Choice of a New *Senata*, and Remonstrances from every Province of the Empire, against such as oppugn'd the the Divine Hereditary Right of the Supreme Magistrate ; for *Novicius* had not only bu-
 fied himself in Fomenting Tumultuous Proceedings in the Chief City, but had likewise alarm'd the Country with Fears and Jealousy. They were told that the *Mandarines* aim'd at nothing more than to Convert the Imperial Government into a Republick ; that the *Proatins* would, if permitted to sit again, make themselves perpetual Representatives of the People, and that the Temples were in Danger of being put to other Uses, than the Celebration of Religious Worship. To make these Stories gain upon their Weak Understand-
 ings, the *Sacristo* that was now made a mere Brazen Idol, was equip'd and set on Horse-
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 brain'd Drunken Fellows, to make a Caval-
 cade through the Cities, Towns, and Vil-
 lages of the Empire, and to drink Prospe-
 rity to himself, the Temple, and the Em-
 press ; for tho' *Palatina* was Supreme Head in Causes Ecclesiastical as well as Civil, yet it was the Language of the Party to make use of her Name, in the last Place, upon all these Frantick Occasions. To get
 rid of this Detestable Subject, *Ærifacio*
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play'd so very well, that wheresoever He came, the Magistrates turn'd out like so many Private Centinels at the coming of a General Officer, and made Lanes for him to go through, and convinc'd by the Efficacy of the Persuasive Bottle, and Non-Resistable Two in a Hand, came easily into the Schemes he was to exhort them to a Compliance with. So that he had nothing to do, but to have his Snuff-Box in one Hand, and lift up the Glass to his Mouth with the other; and Don ——— was Converted and made a Profelite to the prevailing Cause in an instant.

To return to Prince *Mirabel*, that indefatigable General was early in the Field, after he found the *Lilianians* as insincere as formerly in the Negotiations for Peace, and in Conjunction with the *Archon* of *Sabandia* form'd the Army and made a surprizing March towards the Enemies Lines, which they enter'd without any opposition, the few Troops that guarded the Post where they broke in being unprepar'd to receive them, retir'd at the Approach of the *Federato's* without striking one Blow. This unexpected Success struck the *Lilianians* into such a Panick Fear, that their whole Body of Forces made a very hasty Retreat, some towards one Strong-Hold, and some towards another, to cover themselves from
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the Insults they were threatned with. Here-upon it was resolv'd on the Part of those that remain'd Masters of the Field, to Invest *Duacia*, the Siege of which Place had been resolv'd upon.

Nor could his Highness at that Juncture have aim'd at a more important Conquest; for as it cover'd the Enemies Frontiers, and laid the *Iberian Low Countries* open to their Invasions, so ever since the Reign of *Henrico* the Second of that Name, the *Lilianians* left no means untry'd to get Possession of it, in which having at last succeeded in the Reign of *Lovisio*, whom it was then subject to, they immediately added New Works to the Fortifications, made it a Place of Arms, erected Magazines, and a Foundery therein, and cut a Canal for uniting the *Bisfluvia* and the *Scarnatria*, which gave them an easy Entrance (as has been before said) into the Provinces above-mention'd. On the other Hand it was wisely consider'd, that the Chastelens of *Insulata*, which was still in the Part Possess'd by the Enemy, would by the taking of *Duacia*, be wholly reduc'd under one single Power; that *Insulata* itself, *Nervia*, and other Places along the *Scheldis* and *Lysiocis*, as far as *Gandavium*, would be more and more secur'd; and that a Passage for Transporting by Water, the Necessaries, from that Province into *Artesiana*, would

would thereby be open'd, which would afford a Conveniency for maintaining Numerous Garrisons in those Parts, and an Opportunity to make a further Progress into the Enemies Country.

Pursuant to this Resolution, the Trenches were open'd, after the necessary Preparations previous to it had been made, and the Prince, according to his wonted Generosity had permitted the *Britomartian* Students, and the Ladies, who desir'd that Favour, to Retire. As the Town was of prodigious Strength, so the Attacks that were carried on against it, requir'd some time to put the Besiegers in a Capacity of Storming it. When after Two Months sitting down before it, the Troops commanded for that Service perform'd it with wonderful Bravery, and took Post on the Ravelins above the Breach on the Rampart, at the Right and Left Attacks, by which the Enemy were brought to the last Extremity, and forc'd to Capitulate, maugre all the Advances made on the Part of *Villario*, the *Lilian* Archi-Prefecto, who had made several Unsuccessful Motions with his Army for its Relief.

Upon this Surrender, the Two Princes, and the Delegat's from the States of *Belgiana*, enter'd the Town, and were met and severally Complimented by the *Literato's*
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in a Body ; but as these Memoirs chiefly related to *Mirabel's* Conduct, so I shall only insert the Speech which was made by their Cancellario, in the Name of the Rest, in these very Words.

Most Illustrious Prince,

WE come to assure your Highness of our most Humbly Respects, and the Inviolable Fidelity we shall have towards our New Sovereign. 'Tis with much Joy and Justice that we pay you our Devoirs. We cannot sufficiently respect a Sovereign Archon of Allemannia, a Prince, a Prime Legato of the Armies of Britomartia, a Hero whose Victories and Conquests have amaz'd the whole World. Allemannia and Belgiana, are, most Excellent Mandarine, Eye-Witnesses of your Heroick Actions : You have beaten your Enemies at Schelbergia, and defeated them at Blenia, Ramlia, Oudenia and Blarenia : You have forced Lines in Allemannia, which seem'd Impenetrable : You have broken into others, in Brabantia, by a singular Conduct, in sight of a Powerful Army, which was put into the utmost Confusion : You have Conquer'd the Country Leodunum, the Iberian Geldria, Brabantia, Flandria, and Part of Hannolia. You go from Victory to Victory, and the least Step

*Step you advance farther, brings you to subdue
a whole Kingdom.*

*We do not compare your Highness with
Heroes of Antiquity, whose great Actions
were sullied with all manner of Vices. You
are a Prince, Wise, Moderate, Just, Gene-
rous, Gracious, and equally averse to Cruelty
and Debauchery. No wonder then that the
Emperor of Allemannia has made you a Bojar
of his Empire; that the Empress of Britomar-
tia has confer'd the highest Honours, and mul-
tipl'y'd Favours upon you; that her Senato's
have given you all possible Proofs of Esteem
and Affection, and that the Lillianians them-
selves have on a Thousand Occasions pro-
claim'd your Praises. Should we enter into
a particular Survey of all your Heroick Acti-
ons, and your admirable Qualities, we should
never have done; and we shou'd consider, that
we ought not to detain a Prince too long,
whose Moments are so precious. Give us
leave, only to desire the Protection of your
Highness for the Literato's of this Place, who
stand in great need of it. We might in a
Revolution be expos'd to some Storm, inconsi-
stent with the Peace and Tranquility which
are so necessary to make the Sciences Flourish;
but we shall have no Cause to entertain any
Fear, if you are pleas'd to grant us the Fa-
vour we most humbly ask. We shall be infi-
nitely obliged to you most Gallant Manda-
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rine for it, and shall offer up our Prayers to the Gods, for the Empress of Britomartia, for your Highness, and a happy Success to all your Enterprizes.

To this the Prince reply'd with his wonted Humanity :

Gentlemen,

YOUR Obedience to your New Sovereign, will render you assur'd of the Empress my Mistress's, and her High Allies Protection; and you have no reason to doubt but all the Good Offices I can do for you, upon all Occasions, shall be employ'd in procuring you such Advantages as may be of Use to you, and conformable to your best Wishes, since it is to Establish the Publick Tranquility, that the Federato's have taken Arms, and the Sciences must Flourish of Course, by the Restoration of Peace, which they so ardently seek for.

The Lillianians had positively given out, that they would Fight Prince Mirabel if he attempted another Siege after the taking of *Duacantum*, and for this purpose had drawn out all the Garrisons of the Places, which were least expos'd, to strengthen their Army, which was now grown very
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Numerous ; but when some Forces, after Repairing the Breaches of that Place, were ordered to take in *Bethuvia*, and the Gross of the *Federato's* Army lay to Cover the Siege, in a Camp without any Intrenchments, and gave them a fair Opportunity for an Engagement, they not only suffer'd that Fortrefs also to be wrested from them in their very Sight, but likewise by the Posture of their Situation, and submissive Countenance, seem'd to agree to the Capture of *Santa Vincia*, and the Impregnable City of *Aturum*, by their not moving towards either of their Reliefs.

Thus ended that Glorious and Advantageous Campaign, by which the *Federato's* obtain'd so firm a footing in *Artesia*, that all the Places which the Enemy were still possess'd of in that Province were expos'd to farther Irruptions. But while Victory and Success attended his Arms Abroad, Fortune seem'd to shift Hands with him in Occurrences at Home. Soon after the rising of the *Senato*, it was no longer a Secret that some great Changes were design'd at Court. *Novicius* was seen there daily, and *Montiana* did not make any Scruple of openly Affronting the Princess *Mirabella* upon all Occasions. Even the *Legato* himself, who at his leaving the Empire during the Prosecution of the Incendiarian Sa-

cristo, was in great Esteem with those at the Helm, where he had the *Thesaurario*, and the Principal *Scrivan*, for his nearest Allies by Inter Marriages, and in the highest Reputation with the *Senato*, was now grown out of that Implicite Credit he was before possess'd of. He had receiv'd Information long before of *Soliterrario's* Disgrace, who was remov'd upon the Pretence of a too Haughty Demeanour towards his Mistress, and succeeded by the *Mandarine Crurino*, a Nobleman, of Abilities enough to come into competition with his Predecessor, had not those who were prefer'd soon after him acquir'd too great an Influence over him. He knew, whom *Delphino* was to make room for, tho' a certain Gentleman's Modesty would not let him openly Aspire to that Place during the Life of *Roffenio*; he was likewise acquainted with all the other Removals, with the Call of New Deputies to Represent the *Proatins*, and could not but perceive what Treatment he himself was to expect, by the Superseding some of his best Friends Commissions belonging to the Army. However to give no Handle to those Enemies who sought all Opportunities of rendring him Odious, he neither shew'd any Tokens of Disgust, or any ways expostulated with her Imperial Majesty

Majesty about the Reasons of her Displeasure.

Upon his Entrance into the Metropolis of *Britomartia*, his Carouch was attended by Multitudes of People with lighted Tapers and Flambeaux, who by their Acclamations express'd their Joy at his Highness's happy Return; and tho' he well knew the Instability and Emptiness of the Applause, could not but be well pleas'd to see himself welcome to a Mobility, which some Months before was Tumultuous in favour of Opinions, those of his greatest Friends ran Counter to, and which were the main Occasions of the late Alterations. However, he who never courted, or affected Popularity, thought it Prudence to avoid the least shew of it, and therefore instead of going directly to his own Apartments in the Imperial Palace, He call'd in at that of the *Mandarine Montacutio*, where having rested an Hour or Two, he went out by a private Door, to give the Empress an Account of the last Campaign, and his Negotiations for the Happy carrying on another, and met with his accustom'd Reception from so much Grace and Goodness as that Incomparable Princess had ever been fam'd for.

His Highness was no sooner arriv'd, but the Adverse Party play'd upon him from all their Batteries of Scandal, and though

Novicius, and the rest of his Adherents, pay'd him Visits of Congratulation, 'twas easily perceiv'd who set the Mercenaries at work, and hir'd those abandon'd Defamers to blast a Reputation that was above the reach of Calumny, yet incessantly attack'd by it. *Palatina*, amidst all the late Changes, would hear nothing that bore any Tendency to his Dismission, and was too sensible of the Glory he had acquir'd for her, and the Dominions she rul'd over, to be induc'd even to think of laying him aside: She had indeed, not without great Tokens of Reluctance, admitted the Splenetick *Roffenio* into the Place of the Sedate, Wise and Learned *Somerio*; she had recall'd the Vigilant and Discreet *Thomasio* from his Government of the *Juvernato* Territories, to supply that important High Post, with the Fickle, Amorous, Trifling and Inconsiderate *Promato*; she had given the Designing, Sharping, Rhiming *Aleatorio* the Dignity of Sene-schallo of her Household, that had been possess'd and manag'd with the strictest Regard to the Imperial Interest, by the Generous, Unreserv'd and High-Born *Danmonio*; she had made the Time-Serving *Multiform*, Polytheistical and Treacherous *T*—— her *Archi-Camerario* in the Room of the Constant, Unchangeable, De-vout

vout and Faithful *Cantio* ; she had Invested the Two-fac'd, Canting, Drinking, Whining, Tricking N ———, in Conjunction with the Illiterate, Brainless, Lascivious and Profuse *Anselmo*, with the Office of Inspector of her Revenues, well knowing that the Prudent, Abstemious and Frugal *Delphino's* Post was infinitely Superior to any Single Man's Capacity but his own ; she had bestow'd the Dignity of her Chief *Sigillario* upon the Noisy, Verbose Lustful and Inconstant A ———, that had a Lustre given to it by the Persuasive, Concise, Eloquent and Immutable *Supernico* ; she had consign'd the *Scrivanship*, in the Exercise of which the Just, Courteous, even Temper'd and Careful *Urbano* had shew'd the most Consummate Experience, into the Hands of the Volatile, Haughty, Capricious, Humbersome and Intriguing H ——— : So that all the Chief Dignities of the Empire being in the New-fangled C ——— s Hands, excepting that of his Highness, they had nothing that bore any Colour of Reason to insinuate to her Majesty against the favourable Opinion she had of him. They knew that his Interest had been sufficiently Weaken'd by the Alterations before-mention'd, and since they had strip'd him of his Chief Supporters, in the Removal of his nearest Relations, thought it adviseable for their

common Safety, and the Publick Tranquility, which might be in Danger from too precipitate Measures, to let him Act not only one Campaign longer, but during the whole War, provided it should be found in their Power to draw him over to a Compliance with their New Schemes.

In the mean time the uncertainty whether he should be continu'd in his Command, cast a fresh Damp upon the Publick Credit, which had suffer'd very much before, upon the late Alterations. Wherefore it was the general Wish and Expectation of the most Wealthy and Substantial *Britomartians*, that in order to remove that fatal Doubt, his Highness should receive the Thanks, if not of both, at least of one of the Two Chambers of the *Senato*. But that Prince's Friends amongst the *Mandarines*, having been already disappointed in the Motion that was made by one of them upon some Observations rais'd against it by Prince *Bellcampo*, were shy of attempting it a Second time, the rather because they found the Majority of them inclining to pass that Compliment on a General that Commanded elsewhere; and those his Highness had amongst the *Proatins*, thinking themselves too few to dare to Attempt, it all declin'd moving it till a better Opportunity.

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This together with some dubious Expressions that drop'd from his own Mouth in the Senatorial Debates about the Affairs of the Empire, and the Management of the War, encreas'd the Apprehensions of many, that he would gratifie his own private Disgust, and lay down his Commission, it being, they thought natural for his Resentment to suggest, *That he had acquir'd a sufficient Stock of Wealth as well as Honour, whereby to despise the Frowns of Fortune; that it would be derogatory to his Character to stoop to the Authors of his Relations Disgrace, who, whatever their Pretences might be, would never heartily embrace his Interest, and contribute to the Support of the Glory he had already gain'd; that the Fate of War being uncertain in the least Diminution of the Prosperity that had hitherto attended his Army, might be Charg'd to him as a Crime, whereas if any Misfortunes besel them under another General, the Court would have Reason to Regret the Loss of so Prosperous a Commander, and to Sollicit him to serve again; which would add a fresh Lustre to his Reputation.* But his Highness, who upon his Departure from *Belgiana* had promis'd the States of that Country, and the *Archon Eugenio*, who saw what Difficulties he had to Encounter with from his Enemies at Home, not to abandon the Common Cause, resolv'd to

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Act the Part of a true Hero, and good Patriot, and indeed of a Consummate Politico, and to Sacrifice his private Disgusts to the publick Welfare, by concerting Measures with the same Confidence and hearty Zeal with the New Ministers as he did with the Old, wisely considering, That the preserving his Command was the most effectual Method of maintaining his Credit Abroad, and Retrieving his Interest at Home.

Pursuant to this prudent Resolution, that Prince having found that his Illustrious Consort had not been so pleasing to the Empress, as he could have wish'd, either by some Indiscretions in her Conduct, or Proceedings, that were reputed as such by his and her Enemies, made a Resignation of all her Places at Court, by delivering into her Imperial Majesty's Hands the Patents that intitul'd her to them ; at the Surrender of which, he Address'd himself to the Throne, after this manner :

Madam,

YOUR Old Servant the Princess, my Wife, who has pay'd her Attendance on your Majesty from your Infancy to this Time, has it in her most humble Requests to you, to believe her nevertheless Faithful, because she makes this Tender of what your Gracious and
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Bountiful Acceptance of her poor Endeavours, has been pleas'd to Honour her with. She presumes to think, that what she now gives back into your Majesty's Hands, by mine, has render'd her Obnoxious to the Reproaches, which have been cast on her by her Enemies, and is not without Hopes that when the Cause of her being Envy'd is remov'd, the Effects of it will likewise cease, so that she shall be at least in a Capacity for the future, without any Disturbance from their Intrigues, to pray for Prosperity to your Majesty and the Common Cause, by way of Return to that Profusion of Indulgence you have been pleas'd hitherto to pour upon her. In the mean time, Dread Sovereign, give her Husband leave to assure you, That he shall always make it his whole Business to atone for any thing that may have been done or taken amiss on her Part, by a Constant, Ready and Cheerful Obedience, by an entire Resignation to your Majesty's Pleasure, and a stedfast Resolution to spend the remainder of his Days in procuring you the Rewards of a long and expensive War, by a Lasting and Glorious Peace, and in Venturing his Life for your Majesty's and his Countries Service.

This Voluntary Sacrifice of a Person so dear to him, but who had the Misfortune to Incur the Empress's Displeasure, was so acceptable to the benign Palatina, that she
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was pleas'd not only to renew his Commis-
 sion, but likewise to make a Disposition of
 the other Generals entirely to his Satisfac-
 tion, in particular by employing Prince *Bell-
 campo*, who had not made the Campaign
 with him, especially the last, with that
 Harmony that was between his Highness
 and other Commanders, elsewhere. Some
 would indeed have it, and those cannot but
 be adjudg'd his Enemies, that the Passion
 Prince *Mirabel* chiefly gave way to, the
 Love of acquiring Wealth, kept him in his
 Command, and that he chose rather to
 make a Surrender of what belong'd to his
 Lady, than to part with his own, out of
 Consideration that the Profits arising from
 thence, were of small Consequence if com-
 par'd to the Advantages that were to be
 had from the Army against the *Lilianians*;
 but as these were nothing but empty Sur-
 mises, and wholly inconsistent with a Per-
 son that was Possess'd of such vast Riches
 and Demesnes, as must needs have subdu-
 ed all Desires of getting more, so I
 shall convey him to the Duties of his high
 Trust, after I have told the Reader that the
 most material Transactions relating to him,
 during his stay in *Britomartia*, was his be-
 ing a strenuous Advocate in the Debates of
 the *Madarines*, for Injur'd and Superannu-
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ated Innocence, tho' without his wonted Success.

Matters being settled for the ensuing Campaign, his Highness, as usual, after he had been assur'd, that the Payment of the Troops, under his Command, would be as effectually taken Care of by the *New* Administration as it had been by the *Old*, went for *Belgiana*, where he concerted Affairs so entirely to the Interest of the Grand Confederacy, that he not only thwarted the Designs of *Liliana*, in endeavouring to make some Neutral Princes disturb the Peace of *Allemannia*, but took such Measures for the Payment of the Arrears due to the Auxiliaries, that the Enemies Attempts to Embroil him upon that Article, were likewise happily frustrated. But as the Death of the *Allemannian* Emperor, at that Juncture, made it absolutely necessary to Detach the Forces under the Command of the *Archon* of *Saubandia*, for the Preservation of the Empire, so the separating of those Forces from the Grand Armies extremely weaken'd it. However, the Prince, after having made it his Endeavour several times to Attack the Enemy, who notwithstanding their Superiority of Numbers, declin'd coming to an Engagement, and several Skirmishes, which always ended in the Defeat of the Adverse Party,

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took a Resolution to get into the Enemies Lines, which *Villario*, his Opponent, call'd his *Ne plus Ultra*, and march'd from his Camp with a good Body of Horse and Foot, to take a view of those Lines, and the Situation of their Camp. The first appear'd very strong, well fortify'd, and guarded by all the Troops that were capable of being brought together, upon the Motion of the *Federato's* that way, and the last was so well dispos'd, that an Attack seem'd extremely difficult and hazardous. But nothing is impossible to Minds Resolute and fully bent to bring about their Purposes, and Prince *Mirabel*, by the means of a Feint which drew the Enemy's Army one way to make Head against him, and by Instructions given to the Governours of several Garrisons to march another way and get into the Lines, he accomplish'd what was infinitely Superior to a Victory, and gave signal Proofs that he as much excell'd his Enemies in Stratagem as he did in Courage.

This was no sooner done by the Detachment before-mention'd, but he gave Orders for the Main Army to March to Support their Passage, which was done with incredible Diligence, before the *Lilianians* could come up with them to Dispute the Ground, tho' they likewise made all imaginable hast for that end, but was luckily prevented.

prevented. Having pass'd the Lines, he Incamp'd in sight of the Enemy, who lay very quiet, and gave him no manner of Disturbance, till he had provided Materials for the Siege of *Bocanna*, a strong Place which would open to him an opportunity of making greater Conquests, and let him into the very Bowels of *Liliana*. The Town was as bravely Defended for some time, as it was vigorously Attack'd ; but every thing must give way to Prince *Mirabel's* prevailing Genius, and his Highness had the Satisfaction to make it Surrender at Discretion. The Governour indeed pretended he might have defended himself longer, but that the Soldiers perceiving the Grand Legato *Villario* did not attempt their Relief, as he had promis'd them, forc'd him to Capitulate. 'Twas surprizing indeed, that that General having a more numerous Army than his Highness, suffer'd this important Place to be taken under his Nose, without making any real Efforts to raise the Siege. But he might Excuse himself upon the Prince's Precautions, who had taken such Measures to put this Glorious Enterprize in Execution, that *Villario* foresaw, that if he offer'd to Attack his Highness's Camp, he should lose most of his Army, as well as the Town.

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After the Surrender of this Place, which his own Country Men most ungratefully made very light of, tho' the Stratagem in passing the Lines without the Loss of a Man, the cutting off the Communication of the Enemy with it, the manner of the Prince's Investing it with an Inferior Army, his casting up Lines, making Regular Forts, raising Batteries, laying Bridges over a River, making Passable a Morass, and providing for the Security of his Convoys, against a Superior Army on the one side, and the numerous Garrisons of strong Towns on the other, might have given them other Sentiments. But tho' his Highness had the Misfortune to fall under the Censure of Insolent People in his own Nation, he had the Happiness to see this Enterprize Recorded for the use of Posterity, by the Delegates of the *Belgianian* States, who amongst other Expressions in their Congratulations for the Reduction of the Town, said, *This Place is of such high Importance, in respect to its Situation, which opens a way to penetrate farther into the Territories of the Enemy, and even into the Heart of their Country, that in order to prevent it, they have thought it necessary to make great Devastations by Fire in their own Territories. If the Circumstances that have attended this Conquest are duly consider'd, as the passing of the Lines, which the Enemy, and all the World*
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thought impossible, and the Siege it self carried on with so much speed, and in so Glorious a manner, in Sight, and within Reach of an Army, which if not Superior, was of equal Strength ; if all these Things, we say, are rightly consider'd, it will appear that the Conduct, Firmness and Valour which Prince Mirabel has express'd in the Prosecution of this Glorious Undertaking, cannot be sufficiently appauded, &c.

To return to the Operations of the Campaign, after the Evacuation of the foregoing Town, his Highness, who foresaw that the Enemy might be troublesome in the Winter to the Conquer'd Places, without the Reduction of *Quenovia*, dispatch'd a General Officer of great Credit with the States of *Belgiana*, for their Concurrence to that Siege ; because, that as their Troops were to be put in Garrison in such Places as should be taken by the *Federato's* in those Parts, so it was allotted to them by certain Articles agreed between them and the Allies to find Engines for Battery, Ammunition, and other things necessary for bringing them under their Obedience. But that Gentleman, who was a Native of *Belgiana*, having communicated to his Masters there, the Condition of the Army, which had suffer'd considerably by Death and Desertion,

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and the Prince's Opinion of what farther Measures were to be taken, return'd with this Answer, That they could in no wise approve of Undertaking another Siege, because the Enemy had destroy'd the Country about *Cambria* and *Valencia*, and other Places, inasmuch, that the Army could not be capable of subsisting. To this it was thought fit to add, that the Season of the Year was so far spent, that People ought not to expect a long Continuance of fair Weather, from which it was concluded that so brave an Army ought not to be expos'd to the Hardships of a New Siege that Campaign; but they consented that all the Troops should be Quarter'd in the Frontier Places, to hinder the Enemy from making any New Lines the ensuing Winter, and be ready in the Beginning of the Spring to Besiege *Cambria*, or to go upon any further Enterprize without Loss of Time, because that would prevent a great Inconveniency which the Generals lay under at the Opening of this very Campaign; For the Auxiliary Troops being Quarter'd at a great Distance, the Army could not be drawn suddenly together before the *Lilianians* had time to Assemble their Forces. Besides this would oblige the Enemy likewise to Quarter their Troops on the Frontiers; and how they would be able to subsist them, if the
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Winter should prove bad, was very difficult to imagine, and therefore they would have very great Reason at the Court of *Liliana* to take this Resolution as a fatal Stroke, which would Ruin, or at least very much Embarrass their Affairs.

The Prince, who had been acquainted with some Negotiations then on Foot in the Court of *Britomartia*, by the means of *Novicius* and a certain *Lilianian* Emissary, who was admitted there with Proposals of Peace from his Master, could not but perceive that the *Belgianians* had that also for an Inducement to make no more Sieges during the Residue of the Campaign; tho' they did not think fit to Insert it among the other Arguments they made use of for putting an end to it. He therefore, without making any Remonstrance against lying still so considerable a while, set the Forces at Work to Level the Approaches, fill up the Breaches, and put the Town of *Bocanna* in a Posture of Defence, which was not compleatly done till about Three Weeks after its Surrender, through the Badness of the Weather, which very much incummoded both Armies, who continued Incamp'd to see each other draw off to their Winter Quarters.

After this Campaign, which to the General Dissatisfaction of all the Potentates

concern'd in the War, except the Common Enemy, prov'd to be the last, Prince *Minabel* was to make, his Highness return'd to *Britomartia*, not without being appriz'd of some Accusations which were drawing up against him to belaid before the *Proatins*, by the Artifice of his Enemies, who knew that while he kept either at the Head of the Army, or in the Empress's good Graces, it would be next to an Impossibility to be so fully Establish'd in their New Authority, as not to be in Danger of some unlucky Accident or other from his Foresight and Penetration. He therefore, for it was given out that the Mob was to be rais'd to usher him into Town on a Day of Publick Rejoicing, wisely came through the Imperial City early, for Privacy sake, the next Morning, and to give no Handle for Detraction, immediately went to the *Villa* where the Empress had her Residence, with as few Attendants as possible, there to give an Account of his Conduct and Negotiations, which he did to *Palatina's* extraordinary Satisfaction.

For some Days following, he made Visits to the Great Officers of the Court, amongst whom, to shew that he had no Personal Dissatisfaction against Him that hated him to the greatest Intemperance, he in particular made his Compliments to *Noivci-*

us, who was then Chief Minister, and possess'd of the Dignity he had been all along driving at, tho' he did not think fit to give his Attendance at the Council, to which he was Summon'd as a Member. Peace at that time was the Subject of every Ones Conversation, and it was no longer a Secret, because Nuntiato's for that Purpose had been already nam'd on the Part of *Britomartia* and *Liliana*, and the Empress had Communicated her Intentions for setting a Treaty on Foot, to the *Mandarines* and *Proatins* in a full *Senato*. These Intentions were back'd with very Indulgent Assurances of her Imperial Majesty's utmost Endeavours to enlarge Trade and Commerce for the Advantage of her Subjects, and procuring such Conditions as should be highly beneficial to the Princes and States engag'd in Alliance with her, as also with very gracious Resolutions to unite with them in the strictest Engagements for continuing the Alliance, in order to render the General Peace, Secure and Lasting.

But tho' the Empress had it in her own Option to make War or Peace, and it was not in the Power of the *Senato* to give a Negative to her Sentiments on either of these Heads, yet as they contributed towards the Support of the first, which could not be carried on without their Assistance,

and were Interested in Respect to the Duration or short continuance of the last, so it was put to the Question in the Chamber of the *Mandarines*, whether a Peace could be Safe and Honourable upon other Conditions than those which they entered into the War for. Amongst those that voted against Peace, but upon such and such Articles, Prince *Mirabel* declar'd himself, and observing that the Empress was present to hear their Debates, spoke to this Effect: That he referred himself to her Imperial Majesty (making Obeisance to the Place where *Palatina* sat Incognito) whether he could be said to Delight in War, and whether he had not constantly, whilst he was Nuntio, given her Majesty and her Council an Account of all the Propositions that had been made, and had not desired Instructions for his Conduct on that Subject: That he could declare with a good Conscience, in the Presence of Her Majesty and that Illustrious Assembly, and of the Divine Being, who was infinitely above all the Powers of the Earth, and before whom, by the Ordinary Course of Nature, he should soon appear, to render an Account of his Actions, that he ever was desirous of a Safe, Honourable and lasting Peace, and that he was always far from any Design of prolonging the War for his own private Advantage, as several Libels had most falsely insinuated.

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That his great Age, and the many Fatigues of War, made him ardently wish for the Power of enjoying a quiet Repose, in order for him to think of Eternity. As for other Matters, he had not the least Motive on any Account whatsoever to desire the Continuance of the War for his particular Interest, since his Services had been so Generously Rewarded, both by the Empress his Mistress, and the Senato, but that he thought himself obliged to such an Acknowledgement to Her Majesty and his Country, that he was always ready to serve them (whenever his Duty should require) to obtain an Honourable and Lasting Peace. Yet that he could by no means dive into the Measures that had been taken to enter into a Negotiation of Peace with Lilliana upon the Foot of some Articles that had been given out, and publicly dispers'd, since it was his Opinion, with the rest of the Potentates engag'd in a War against it; that such Conditions would be the Entire Ruin of every individual Federato, which he had with all Fidelity and Humility declar'd to Her Majesty, when he had the Honour to wait on her a little after his Return.

The foregoing Speech carried that weight with it, as to Influence a Majority of the Mandarin's to be of the same Opinion, tho' Novicius did all he could to

bring them over in favour of a Peace. Wherefore since the Upper House of the *Senato* had requested the Empress to hearken to no Dishonourable Terms with *Liliana*, he, by the means of his Creatures and Dependants amongst the *Proatins*, so brought his Projections to bear, that they entirely left it, as a Token of their great Confidence in *Palatina's* Wisdom, to her Imperial Majesty to do what she should think most conducive to her own Honour and the Interest of her People. A Point like this, which was Artfully enough gain'd, could not but greatly tend to the Satisfaction of those that had the Administration in their Hands; but they could not think themselves entirely secure while *Mirabel* kept in Possession of the Office of Grand *Legato*, and other High Dignities. Wherefore since there was no shaking *Novicius's* Authority, while the Representatives of the Empire so heartily espous'd his Cause; That Minister, who was now become the Chief Favourite, and Principal Counsellor, resolv'd to make a Home Push, and at once divest and strip him of all his Offices. He had timely prevented the *Mandarines*, who against their next Session had resolved to have Voted him to the *Tulliano*, by an Accession of Strength to his Party, from a New Creation of Members, and had nothing

thing to fear from that Quarter should he
 fail in the Attempt; wherefore after he
 had produc'd several Certificates relating
 to pretended Mismanagements in the Army,
 and obtain'd a Vote against him from the
Proatins for Corrupt Practices in the Army;
 he insinuated to the Empress, that she could
 not put an end to the War, which she had
 it then in her Power to Finish Gloriously,
 but by *Mirabel's* Dismission from her Ser-
 vice. *How!* said that good Princess, and
 startled at the Proposal, *shall I part with a*
Man that has not only preserv'd my Domini-
ons, but the whole Universe from the Common
Enemy? 'Tis Injustice in the highest Nature
to entertain the Thought of it, much
more to perpetrate such an Act of Ingratitude:
 ' Nay, then, said he, suffer your self still
 ' to be defrauded; bear the Wrongs he
 ' continues to heap upon you with your
 ' accustom'd Patience; be Deaf to the
 ' Cries of your poor Subjects that perish
 ' for Hunger, by the means of *Mirabel's*
 ' Extortions, and are expos'd to all the Ha-
 ' zards that Humanity can be subjected to
 ' through his Avarice and Cruelty. Con-
 ' tinue to hear of Thousands upon Thou-
 ' sands of half-starv'd Wretches knock'd
 ' on the Head to gratify his Ambition,
 ' and be again made a Slave to the very
 ' Servants we have freed you from: For
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' these must be the Consequences of a
 ' Power that will one Day shake your own,
 ' if not timely provided against. Is it
 ' Justice to entertain Robbers in your Ser-
 ' vice, or an Act of Ingratitude to send a
 ' Plunderer his *Quietus*? For such your
 ' Majesty will find him at the Perusal of
 ' these Papers. These words being spoken
 with some Vehemence and Emotion, gain'd
 the Credit of Sincerity to him that utter'd
 them, and *Palatina*, after various Conflicts
 between *Mirabel's* Services to her and his
 Country, and the Desires she had to see
 her People again enjoy the Blessings of
 Peace, was prevail'd upon to let her value
 for one Man give way to her Compassion
 for many Thousands, and to give Order for
 the *Legato's* Surrender of all the Posts she
 had entrusted him with.

Mirabel heard the Message with a Com-
 posedness of Temper, peculiar to that
 Excellent Prince, and, without any manner
 of Concern, submitted to the Determina-
 tions of his Sovereign, well knowing that
 to Expostulate with Crown'd Heads was no
 Part of the Duty of a Subject; but being
 sensible that Her Majesty might have re-
 ceiv'd some Impressions from the Certificates
 above-mention'd to his Prejudice, endea-
 vour'd to remove them after this manner,
 when he waited upon the Empress to give
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into her Hands the Battoon of Command :

I Come, said he, May it please your Majesty, not to Dispute your Title to the Grants and Favours you have graciously bestow'd on me, for those I with all Humility freely resign, but to Request your Majesty to believe me to be as Faithful out of Employments, as I have always behav'd my self in them. It is not that I so much Regret my Dismission from your Service, as I lament my Unhappiness of being render'd suspected to your Majesty, on Account of some Scandalous Imputations, neither shall I reflect upon my Accusers, because Time, that makes the truest Discoveries, will one day make appear, whether I or they, merit the Reproach of being false to your Majesty's Interest, or my Countries. If I had done much more than I have, I must hold with my Enemies, it would have infinitely fell short of my Duty, and the Returns I ought to make to your Imperial Beneficence ; but to be charg'd with what I have not done, plainly shews that they likewise fall short of doing theirs. For I Appeal to their own Understandings, whether the Exploits perform'd by the Troops which I had the Honour to Command could be done and accomplish'd by Men in a Starving Condition, or rather whether they are not so many Arguments of their being well

well fed. But as the Recital of their Actions may be Introductory to the Repetition of my own, I must ask leave to go from thence and humbly Remonstrate to your Majesty, that the Britomartian Forces had always the same Provisions allow'd them as the Troops of other Nations.

I have Reason to believe the Provisions were well distributed to the Soldiers, because it has been surprizing to many in the Army, when a Body has been sent out upon Secret Services, there had been care always taken that they should not want; which gave Encouragement to the Men to go more Chearfully upon Expeditions and Sieges.

Far be it from me, Madam, to make any Complaints of ill Usage from the Provatins, since they have so generously Rewarded my past Services by Decreto's in favour of me and my Posterity, tho' I cannot but alledge, That there are many Mistakes in their Charge against me, since the Persons who gave them the Accounts have not been thoroughly vers'd in the Knowledge of all Particulars.

As for the Deduction of so many Chequins per Head from the Auxiliary Troops, the Honour of that Invention is wholly owing to the Emperor Aurantio, and the Benefit that has risen from thence to the Common Cause, is so Conspicuous, that I need not affirm to your Majesty (who have been so well

well appriz'd of it, as to Authorize it by your Sign Manual) that through the means of that very Money the Campaigns have been begun so early, the Sieges so happily Form'd, and Battles so successfully Fought, and since it was not given by the Senato, 'tis humbly presum'd there is no necessity to Account with the State for it.

But I am not thought worthy perhaps to receive the Perquisites which have been always allow'd to former Legato's, and am to be render'd Criminal for treading in the very Steps of my Glorious Predecessors, tho' I can make appear that during the Course of the whole War no Secret has been made of the Stoppage of Chequins when the Troops were paid, and it has been till now thought both Useful and Just, for saving the like Sum of Money, which otherwise must have been rais'd upon the Britomartian Subject, since a good Intelligence could not have been maintain'd and preserv'd without it, and your Majesty's Troops would not have had the Honour to have gain'd the Esteem of the whole World by the Victories and Conquests they have acquir'd by their Valour.

I could make appear to your Majesty, that the Just and Regular Application of the Moneys above-mention'd, has sav'd the Fiscario four times the Sum the Deduction amounts to; but who am I, that I should dare Controvert the Will of my Sovereign, or the Imperial

Imperial Senato ! I shall therefore with a Heart full of Duty and Submission, withdraw my self from your Presence, after I have told you that since it is no longer in my Power to Merit your Majesty's or their Favour by my future Services, I shall be incessant in my Prayers to him who has the Disposal of all Earthly Affairs, that my Successor may excel those that are past, for whose Use, Madam, and for whose Auspicious Possession be pleas'd to take this Battalion of Command, if I have not dishonour'd it by the Wearing.

Palatina was going to return it him again, thro' a just Sense of his Extraordinary Merit, when the Prince withdrew himself on a sudden, and left her in an Inquietude of Temper that was extremely Afflicting. She was for calling him back, and one of the *Honoretto's* of the Back-Stairs had Orders for that Purpose, when through the Artifice of *Montiana*, who turn'd his hasty Departure into Arrogance and Haughtiness, and made use of his Justification, as too great a Presumption on his past Services, the Empress grew fix'd in her Resolutions for his Disgrace, and gave the Ensigns of the *Legato's* High Trust and Dignity to the *Mandarina Promato*, who was entirely in the Interest of *Novicius* and his Adherents.

By Prince *Mirabel's* Dismission from
Court,

Court, all further Scenes of Action relating to him were fully determin'd, wherefore the Reader is dismiss'd from other Passages of his Life, since his Disgrace may be naturally said to be his *Political Decease*, and thenceforward he was only to be taken Notice of in a Private Capacity, who had Acted with so much Splendor in a Publick. *Here ends the Manuscript.*

What remains for the Publisher to do, is to clear his Memory, that may otherwise be as ill Treated by the present Age as it was by that he liv'd in, from the Aspersions which seems to carry most Weight in it, of his Unnecessary Prolonging the War for his own Private Interest, when his Conduct, during the whole War, has been one constant Endeavour to hinder its ending ill, so soon as it might, and must have otherwise done. This made him so earnest to fight the *Lilianians*, as has been made appear he was, the first Campaign, when he thought he had them at a great Advantage. This made him take so much Pains to bring them to an Engagement the Second Campaign, when he stole a March, and pass'd a River and got between their Lines: This made him Fight the Battles of *Schelbergia* and *Blenia* the Third, and March to the *Mosa* to attack the Enemy there the Fourth: This made him gain the Victory at *Ramlia* the Fifth, and so importunate

fortunate with the *Belgianians* the Sixth, for near Two Months together, to fall upon the *Lilianian Army*: This made him the Seventh pass the *Scaldis*, and win the Battle of *Oudenis*, and afterwards Form the Siege of *Insulata*: This made him the next Year, when he could not Fight the *Lilianians*, surprize them with the Siege of *Nervia*, when they expected nothing less, and take so much care that the rest of the Campaign might not be lost, for which end he pass'd the Lines of *Monia*, and after gaining the great Battle of *Blarenia*, which the Enemy ventur'd for its Preservation, take the Town of *Monia*: This made him after taking Possession of the Enemies Lines the ensuing Campaign, make *Duacannum*, *Bethuvia*, *Sancto Vincio*, and *Aurum* surrender to his Victorious Arms, and by an unparallel'd Stratagem get within the Lines that were thought impregnable, and by taking *Bocanna*, enter into the very Bowels of *Lillapa*, at the close of all his Exploits.

But 'tis time to draw towards a conclusion; I shall therefore only say, that nothing could be more ridiculous and absurd, than to charge, with a Design to perpetuate the War, a Man who had in every Respect out-done the *Britomartian* Wishes, and had done more towards a good Peace by his own Address and Ability both in War and Peace, by his Conduct in the Field, by his Interest with the Emperors Allies, by his Happy Temper to prevent or make up Differences, by his Dexterity and Wisdom, by his great Humanity and Sweetness of Behaviour, which was peculiar to him, by his Zeal for the Honour of his Mistress, whom he serv'd with more Affection than most Men ever did a Sovereign, and by his true Concern for the good of his Country, and the liberty of the whole Universe, in which he had few Equals. By these admirable Qualities, which so eminently shone in him, he had struck such a Terror into the Enemy, and preserv'd so perfect a Harmony amongst the Powers engag'd in War with them, that nothing, humanly speaking, could have destroy'd their Hopes of a good Peace, but the Endeavours that were used to destroy him; and if great and well appointed Armies, long Campaigns, surprizing Marches, glorious Battles and important Sieges, could be made use of as a means to prolong the War, then Prince *Mirabel* bid fair towards being a Perpetual Legato, not otherwise.

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